

### **Prof A Lakshminath:**

Prof. Dr. A. Lakshminath is a rare combination of an erudite scholar, an astute administrator, a relentless researcher and a revered teacher in the legal community. For the past 46 years, he has with single-minded devotion strived to serve the academia in law in multiple capacities across the country. Currently, as Pro-Chancellor emeritus and founder Vice-Chancellor, Chanakya National Law University, he has rendered selfless service to the field of legal education by setting up the University in Patna that competes with 15 other National Law Schools as centre of excellence in legal education. He has been teaching law since the year 1967 to thousands of students who went on to become eminent lawyers, jurists, public figures, judges and academicians.

Prof. Lakshminath has served the cause of legal education in almost all parts of the country and the backward regions of the country in particular. Having started his teaching career in Nagpur University and later as its Dean of Faculty of Law, he taught at the Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and became the Principal of Andhra University Law College and was appointed Professor-Registrar and Dean, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad before finally shifting to Bihar to lay the foundation for the Chanakya National Law University. He was Fulbright Visiting Professor at the University of Massachusetts, U.S.A., Fellow of Salzburg Seminar, Austria and Visiting Professor at Banaras Hindu University amongst many other universities and institutions. He has participated in more than 140 national and international seminars and symposia and has either presided over or delivered key-note addresses in more than 140 academic meets in India and across the globe including USA, UK, Japan and Europe.

Prof. A. Lakshminath has relentlessly worked towards promoting socio-cultural understanding and integration by heading voluntary organisations for the cause of communal harmony, linguistic minorities and consumer rights. He was President of Cultural Associations and Cooperative Housing Society, Vice-President of Hindu Muslim Welfare Association in Maharashtra and Consumer and Environmental Forums in Andhra Pradesh. He was visiting Professor in reputed Institutions like National Fire Service College, Nagpur, L. B. S. National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie etc. He was the founder Director of Department of Legal Studies in Dr. Ambedkar College, Diskha Bhoomi, Nagpur.